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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BUREAU OF MINES OFFICIAL

ATTN: ROSS C. PARR

KEITH HARRIS, BUREAU OF MINES TIN SPECIALIST, WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL'S ECONOMIC AND REVIEW PANEL, MEETING IN BANGKOK JUNE 12-16. HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE MEETING VISITING THE THARSARCO TIN SMELTER AND REPRESENTATIVE TIN MINES IN THE PHUKET AREA. IN ADDITION TO THARSARCO, SUGGESTED OPERATIONS TO BE VISITED ARE: THE AOKAM TIN BERHAD AND TONGKAH HARBOUR TIN DREDGING BERHAD OFFSHORE DREDGES; THE CHOENG THA-LE TIN DREDGING CO., LTD. ONSHORE DREDGE AT AMPHOE THALANG; AND SEVERAL OF THE GRAVEL PUMP AND HYDRAULICKING MINES IN THE PHUKET AREA. THE BILLITON/OMO DREDGE OFF THE COAST OF THAI MUANG, PHANGNGA COULD BE VISITED IF TIME PERMITS.

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BUREAU OF MINES REQUESTS THAT THE REGIONAL RESOURCE ATTACHE MAKE PRELIMINARY COMPANY CONTACTS AND ORGANIZE A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF COMPANIES TO BE VISITED. THE SCHEDULE CAN BE FINALIZED WHEN THE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN BANGKOK. HOPEFULLY THE RRA WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON THE VISITS. VANCE

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